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A Question Of
Motives

THIS world is left wondering what are the real motives behind the recent "softening" of Russian diplomacy. The sudden decision to conclude a treaty with Austria has been followed by a cautious yet unmistakable hint from Marshal Bulganin that the Kremlin is prepared to "talk turkey" at a Big Four conference on vital international problems. The big question is whether these signs indicate a change of purpose in Soviet international relations, or merely a change of tactics aimed at serving the long-established policy of a cold war.

Because it represents a practical move, the agreement reached with the Austrian Chancellor paving the way for Austria's freedom and sovereignty is the most intriguing thing the Soviets have done for a long time. What motivated the action? The answer might well be found in Germany. Conceivably, the Soviet leaders are ready to sacrifice their hold on Austria in the hope that by so doing they will get another opportunity to establish a hold on all of Germany.

ALREADY Moscow, through its official propagandists, is somewhat naively suggesting the purpose of the move. According to them the Austrian treaty provides the "model" for a German treaty. Dr Adenauer is advised to follow the example of Herr Raab, and to negotiate directly with Mr Molotov. Germany is told she would find Russia ready and willing to give her freedom and reunification provided only that she will accept the Austrian model. The essential feature of the model would be acceptance of a status of permanent neutrality after the Swiss pattern, involving, naturally, annulment of all West Germany's associations with the NATO countries.

It is a suggestion which may sound tempting to many German minds and not unreasonable to many in other countries. But there is a vast difference between Austria and Germany. There is the all-important fact that withdrawal of all allied troops would leave in all Germany a single force—the Soviet-trained Communist-controlled East German army which has been in existence for nearly four years and which is equipped with artillery, armour and planes.

EVEN the pretext that it is a "police force" is being abandoned. It is emerging as a "militant army." In Western Germany, on the other hand, there is no such armed force. Western Germany has not begun to rearm; even the "cadres" of twelve divisions will not exist until the end of next year.

The future of a country in which, whatever its paper constitution, the only military force would be a Communist army of some 100,000 men is not hard to predict when the fate of the free constitutions of Poland and Czechoslovakia is recalled. It would almost certainly pass under Communist domination within a year. The Western powers would be helpless to prevent such a development for they would be pledged to "non-intervention" and their own defence system would have been disrupted. While on the face of it the Soviet agreement with Austria is above-board, the possibility of an ulterior aim—the disruption of West Germany—cannot at this stage be wholly discounted by the Big Three. They must remain watchful of future Russian overtures to the Bonn government.

SOVIET-JAPAN FOR LONDON

End Of Friendship Treaty

Russians Confirm Annulment

Moscow, April 25.

The Foreign Affairs committee of both houses of the Russian Parliament in joint session today approved the Soviet government's decision to annul her wartime friendship treaty with Britain, whom she accuses of violating it by the moves to rearm the Germans.

Deputy D. T. Shelevo presided, Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported, and the First Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr V. V. Kuznetsov, read a report on the announcement of the treaty.

Mr M. I. Kuchava of the Georgian Republic said in a speech that both countries had undertaken in the 1941 treaty to make any repetition of German aggression impossible and had pledged themselves not to join alliances directed against each other.

VIOLENCE OBLIGATION

"At a time when the Soviet Union was faithful in letter and spirit to the Anglo-Soviet agreement Britain embarked on the road of violating her obligations and increasing the threat of a revival of German aggression," he said.

"The British government has turned this document into a kind of cloak with which she endeavours to cover up her policy of supporting German militarists."

He said the Soviet Union could not be reconciled to such a position.

Mr L. G. Kebin (Estonian Republic) said the British government was one of the main initiators of the aggressive bloc of the Western powers in alliance with a remilitarized Western Germany.

This policy is not fortuitous, inasmuch as the former Prime Minister Churchill publicly declared that even at the end of war with Germany he was taking steps to rearm the surrendering Hitlerites and throw them against the heroic Soviet army."

LOST ITS FORCE

The joint session decided to recommend the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to annul the Anglo-Soviet treaty on the grounds that it had lost its force.

Ratification by Britain of the Paris agreements was held to be a direct violation of her undertakings under the treaty.

Britain has denied that the Paris agreements clash with the friendship treaty with Russia which she said last January could still make "an important contribution" to relations between the two countries and to European security in general.

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Urgent Endeavours To Avert Rail Strike

Russia Agrees To Proposal WILL BEGIN IN EARLY JUNE

New York, April 25.

Japan's choice of London as the site for Soviet-Japanese peace talks was acceptable to the Soviet Union, and formal negotiations were expected to begin early in June, it was announced here today.

The announcement, made by Mr Renzo Sawada, Japan's observer to the United Nations, was a culmination of an exchange of a series of notes since February between him and Mr Arkady Slobodsky, chief Soviet delegate to the United Nations.

Mr. Slobodsky called on Mr. Sawada tonight and handed him a note in which the Soviet government agreed to London as the site for the peace talks. Mr. Sawada, asked when the discussions would begin, said that he had told Mr. Slobodsky that Japan would like to see the talks start in the early days of June.

The Soviet Union, which had not signed the Japanese peace treaty concluded at San Francisco in 1951, proposed early this year that relations between the two countries be "normalized." Japan agreed.

And it was "decided" that arrangements for the negotiations would be made through Mr. Sawada and Mr. Slobodsky.

Japan had suggested originally that New York be the site of the talks, since the United Nations was located here, although the United Nations would play no role in the talks.

During February and March, a series of notes were exchanged through Mr. Sawada and Mr. Slobodsky by Japan and the Soviet Union. These dealt with Mr. Slobodsky's suggestion that he and Mr. Slobodsky hold preliminary talks on organizational matters such as an agenda for the conference and what language should be conducted in.

All the while, Mr. Sawada presumed that the Soviet Union was agreeable to holding the talks in New York. But early in April, the Soviet Union proposed that the talks be held in Tokyo. Japan rejected this.

CONCEDE CHOICE

On April 18, the Soviet Union suggested that London or Geneva be the site of the talks. On Saturday, Japan informed the Soviet Union that it preferred London.

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PEACE TALKS

Tories' 5-Plank Election Platform

London, April 26.

The Conservative Party today proclaimed the five principles on which it will fight the coming general election under the new Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.

They are: "sound finance, greater freedom, individual responsibility and independence, opportunity for enterprise and initiative, and fair rewards for effort."

The Party published this declaration in a 638-page political guide for Party workers, preparing their campaign for the May 26 election. In 27 chapters and six appendices it produced facts, figures and quotations on political questions ranging from world affairs to "splits" within the Labour Party.

The Conservatives' official policy statement is now in the final drafting stages and is expected to be published later this week.

On foreign affairs, the campaign guide said British policy sought "to maintain the unity of the Commonwealth and Empire, to lend British aid to the achievement of the unity of Europe, and to strengthen the unity of the English-speaking world."

PEACE POLICY

The guide said the Conservative policy of peace through strength "has been amply justified."

The progress of Western civilization and the progressive development of the Atlantic Alliance had reduced international tension. World War II no longer seemed imminent.

The United Nations, under whose American leadership and with the support of this and other Commonwealth countries, would be able to "make the world a better place."

Mr. P. Fletcher, declared that India, a member of the Commonwealth, was entitled to protect her own home market against Lancashire textile goods, and surely the British government was entitled to apply the same rule. Mr. Charnley said:

The time was now opportune, he added, for "some definite promise of action."

Mr. Charnley from Sunderland suggested that the resolution be referred to the board so that they could consider it.

The guide stressed: "The Conservative government has shown that this country will not repeat the mistakes which contributed to two world wars of leaving continental Europe in doubt where we would stand if peace were violated."

The Conservative government had earnestly pursued the objective of giving colonial peoples an increasing share in the management of their own affairs, the guide claimed.

British firms were giving first priority to the manufacture of the Salk vaccine, Mr. MacLeod went on, and the government had bought up all available vaccine.

He added that the vaccine did not stem very efficaciously against "type one" virus, the most common in Britain, and declared that research was continuing in British laboratories.

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Mr Attlee
Back Home



Mr Clement Attlee, leader of the Labour Party, is pictured here being greeted by his wife at London Airport on his return from Canada where he had been on a lecturing tour. He had cut short the tour in order to open up the election campaign for May 26 General Election. — London Express.

Hongkong Imports Flooding Home Market Complaint

Scorborough, April 25.

The annual conference of the National Chamber of Trade—an organization of British businessmen—today referred to the board of management of the Board of Trade to "repeated approaches" by the executive of the National Association of Glove Manufacturers, and viewing with alarm the continuance of glove imports from Hongkong at a "price level" with which home manufacturers cannot possibly compete.

Mr. P. Fletcher, declared that at the present rate of increase within 12 months the home market would be flooded with imports from Hongkong and there would be no possible British market.

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Mr. J. W. Charnley, who proposed the resolution, said that Japan produced a cheap unfinishing commodity which was sent to Hongkong to be processed and then exported as a British product.

"Japan is finding a market for quite a large selection of her textile production in the home, colonial and world markets under the guise of British goods," he added.

Here was a situation where the Government could do something for the Lancashire industry, he continued.

Villagers' Peace Mission

FREIGHTER IN DISTRESS

Cape Town, April 25.

The 7,178-ton Greek freighter Nedon yesterday sent out a distress call asking for immediate assistance; it was reported here tonight.

The message, picked up by an unidentified cargo ship in the vicinity, said that the Nedon was fighting gale-force winds and rough seas in the South Atlantic some 2,000 miles from Cape Town.

The authorities here accepted the offer immediately.

The motorship Parkstone, laden with 130 armed police, stood outside Klipsvik harbour with orders to seize and evict Dr Olaf Halvorsen on charges of wartime collaboration with the Nazis.

The villagers had joined their harbour and defied the authorities to remove the doctor.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Cabinet met twice today with the Premier and Foreign Minister H. C. Hansen, presiding, to discuss the Klipsvik crisis.

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•TODAY the ninth tale is told
by Robert Henriques

"HOW I hate growing old!" the Naval Captain said. It was his first human remark during the fortnight that we had been together in the Normandy beach-head.

Though he was an amiable man by nature, his professional views and mine were in direct conflict. Somehow they had to be reconciled, for we had been sent to Normandy, at the head of a commission, to report on the inter-Service arrangements for landing on enemy beaches.

I wanted drastic changes; he wanted none at all. We were no nearer agreement than when we had first arrived; and every day our relationship had lost a little more of its formal cordiality; our speech had become more curt; our respective views more adamant.

"You're not particularly old," I said. "He was 40, two years older than myself, in the summer—of 1944."

"Can't we even agree on the subject of ages?" he asked. It was his first smile for several days.

I was nominally the head of the outfit and I said: "Let's send the boys home; let us stay two days out here and go on the fiddle to-night. That's no object."

He said gloomily, "I'm so old that I wouldn't know what to do with a raffle if I met one."

It was three o'clock of the following morning when we reminded ourselves, as an afterthought that we had been sent to France for a purpose. We

had found a dispossessed chef who had cooked us a superb dinner, and a cellar from which we had chosen several different wines. We had reached solid agreement on the question of age, the horrors of growing too grizzled for romance, and of slipping so suddenly from an era of opportunity, for which we lacked experience, into one where our vast experience had no opportunities on which to operate. We were agreed at last!

The rest was easy. By the light of candles, now guttering to their end we scribbled down the headings of our joint report and fell into each other's arms in a spirit of generous remorse.

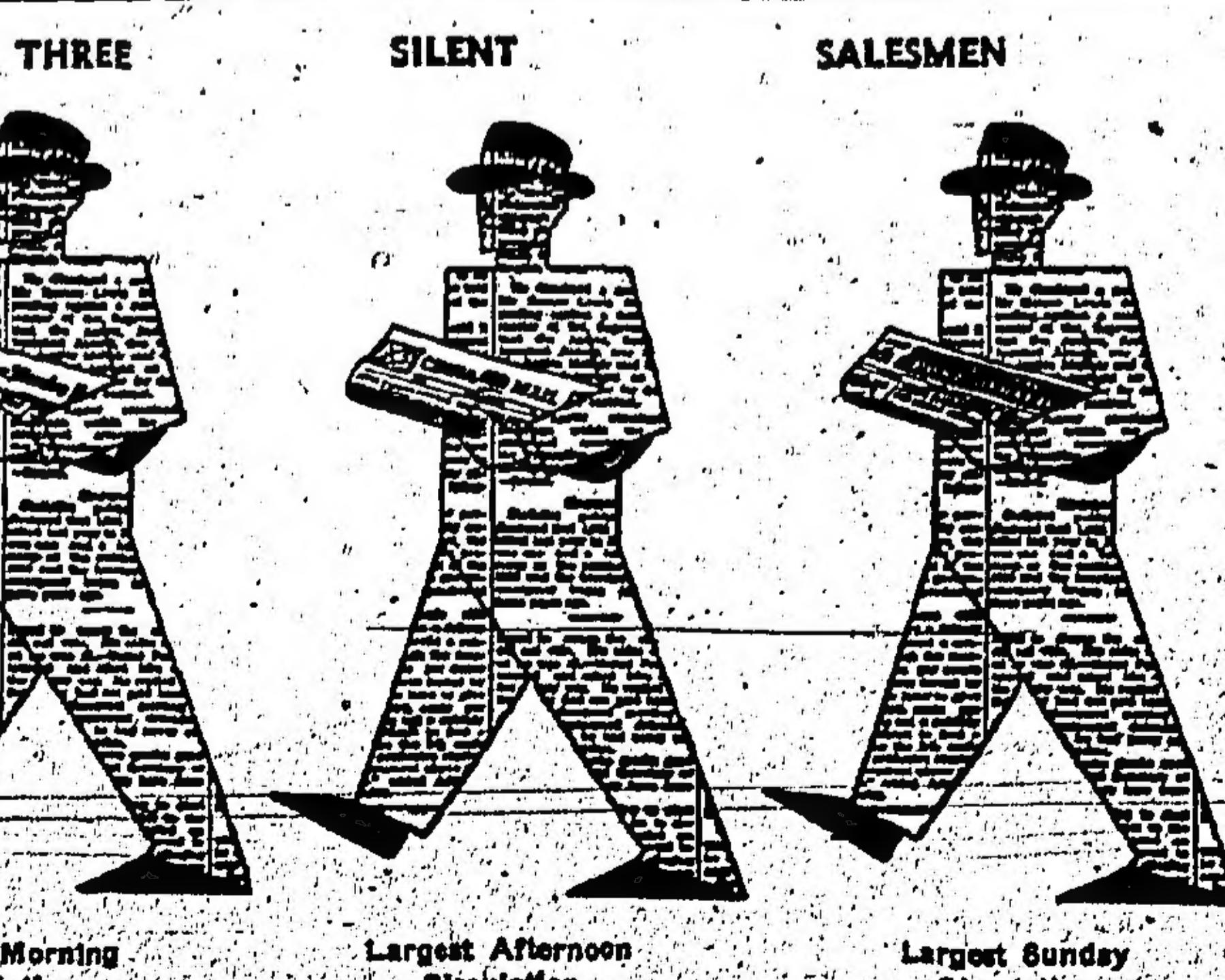
My colleague proposed a last toast. "Gentlemen," he said to me solemnly, "I give you—the experience of our age and the opportunity of our youth. If only the two might meet!"

Icy gale

Arranging a rendezvous in Whitehall, we came home separately, the sailor by a private escape route and I by the patrol boat which conveyed senior officers to England each night.

We landed at one o'clock of an arctic July morning and were led through savage streets and an icy gale to a small room manned by a very sleepy and very junior officer, helpless and inarticulate against our lavish braid and scarlet.

He received, in turn, from Admiral, General and Air Marshal, a broadside, a blitz, or a



A very small woman in a very large pyjamas . . .

dream was too pleasant to be unduly broken.

After some 50 miles of this exquisite experience we had discovered in conversation that we had never met before and had no mutual friends. This was one of those rare occasions when the world was not an astonishing small place composed of coincidental meetings. I asked her what she would do when she had taken me home. She said, "I suppose I shall just drive back again. I know of nowhere to stay in London, unless you have anything to suggest?"

I said that my flat had a cupboard for the car and a spare bed for herself, if she did not consider the suggestion an improper one. She said: "Oh, I don't worry about things like that."

In London the wind had dropped, but it was of course quite black. As I hauled my kit out of the car, I felt very reluctant to face the imminent ordeal of light and, surely, of disillusionment. I wanted this minor adventure to end here, and the dream to dissolve gently in the rattle of a morn-ing teacup. "Come on!" I said.

The light in the lobby was dimmed by blue paint, but

sufficient to show me that she was quite lovely, that she more than matched her voice. "You must be exhausted," I said, but she answered that she was strangely not tired, which was exactly how I felt myself.

In my flat at the very top of the building we scrambled some eggs, made tea and drank it with brandy. Then she said she would like a bath. Later, the bathroom door opened slightly and a voice asked if it could perhaps borrow a pair of pyjamas.

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The lesson

Now YOU have to decide: Did Robert Henriques imagine his story or did it really happen to him? Make a note whether you think story No. 9 is FACT or FICTION and see this page tomorrow.

Yesterday's story was FICTION.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?	
No. 9: The Girl in the Car	
YES	NO

Where to?

The girl got in beside me: "Where to, sir?"

I said: "I haven't the least idea. Where would you like?"

She said: "I'd rather like the 400 Club myself, but by the time we get to town it's likely to be shut." She had perhaps a slight and most attractive twist of Scots or Ulster in her speech. She said that she had simply been told to await my arrival and obey my orders.

By now I was so deeply involved in the mystery, or the dream, or whatever it was, that I had ceased to be surprised. I said that we might as well go to London, somewhere else, since I had a flat there which I used as a kind of operational base for my far-flung duties.

She was a most expert driver. The car was warm, and the battering of the gale and sleet enhanced her perfume which enhanced her voice. It was one of the most attractive that I had heard in all my life. And as we drove at high speed to London, I began to fear the moment of disillusionment when I should at last see her face. I began to hope I never would. The

"why?" I asked.

"It was the Commander-in-Chief's personal instructions."

I had at least the sagacity to nod in a confident manner. The uneasy feeling that an escort might be arriving to take me to hope I never would. The

In Formosa, BERTRAM JONES finds that

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER SING ABOUT WAR

TAIPEI. Nothing happened. Just a military population of Chelsea Pensioners, to whom mainland battles of 1949 will be the Relief of Mafeking is to our Boer War veterans at home.

But Formosans do not worry. The only people you find taking this war seriously are the top-notchers—the Government, their officials, the Service chiefs.

The other night, when an air raid alert was sounded by mistake over the middle part of the island, there was consternation but no real alarm.

And the all-clear came a minute later when the local ARP chaps realised they had been fooled by a Nationalist Air Force exercise.

By morning everything was back to normal—which in Formosa means swindling with a smile. Everybody does it so delightfully that you cannot really feel vexed.

If you want to go to the pictures the only way to get in without queuing for hours is to buy a black market ticket from the swarms of cheerful crooks who waylay you outside every cinema.

"Crooks" is perhaps too unkind a word. They are professional queuers. They line up at the box office, grab as many tickets as they can afford (best seats about 35), add 120 percent for their trouble—and in you go, no waiting.

THE OTHERS those who came here with Chiang Kai-shek when the Communists drove him out of China proper, have settled down very comfortably and would not mind greatly if their leader forgot all about infiltrating the mainland.

Even on £1 month, which is about the pay of a Nationalist private, they are better off than they have ever been.

Millions of dollars which the United States is pouring defensively into Formosa give them stronger boots, tidier clothing (two pairs of underwear for every man), bigger rations of rice, meat, fish and vegetables, and more comfortable living quarters. That they ever dreamed of.

And they are not getting any younger. Chiang's statisticians will tell you that their soldiers' average age is 28. It is probably more.

A company of them were at a drill (the Chinese are great drillers for callisthenics) and I stopped to watch with an American who has been coming to Formosa every year since 1950.

The only way to buy anything at approximately the regular price here if you are a foreigner (and foreigner automatically means American, loaded with money) is to send a Chinese friend to do your shopping. When you will only be strong for his take-off.

Next time there was the same guy, only a bit slower. "And, to help me he's still there doing lifts. This time he can hardly make it."

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A microphone was set up on the bare platform, and put from the wings came a man in a dark lounge suit. He was a ring-leader.

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When I was here then" he said, eyeing the puffing troops,

there was a little guy doing tree-lifts coming straight up off the ground like he was steel.

Next time there was the same guy, only a bit slower.

"And, to help me he's still there doing lifts. This time he can hardly make it."

There are so many Little Guys who can hardly make it that Formosa faces ultimately a

their slim-fitting silk gowns slashed thigh-high.

And ageless China can outlive Brooklyn. If you think invasion-threatened Formosa as a land full of inscrutable people with hands thrust up black tunic sleeves, forget it.

Certainly your pedicab drivers and the women who do many of the street-straw jobs still wear cocoon straw coolie hats. But everybody is well dressed, not utility stuff here—and I have not seen one beggar.

LESS CORRUPT

"There is work and food for everybody," Chiang's spokesmen tell me, with the pride of Peking chieftain claiming to have abolished files as well as poverty. "But one thing that is not Chiang's totalitarianism is his superstitiousness."

The superstition that makes every bride go to the altar in scarlet, because red clothes are a sign of joy and white is worn only at funerals.

The superstition that makes every dutiful best man toss exploding firecrackers from the wedding car to frighten devils and bad influences away!

The superstition that makes you climb 1,000 steps to have your fortune told by a Buddhist monk in saffron robes, because the upward toll is presumed to have purged you of sins and every wish assumes extra merit.

RED DRAGON

The superstition that, when you are giving a party, makes you implore your invited guest to bestow his light upon your humble cottage (even if you live in a 20-room house), and you bow to him and assure him that you await his illustrious presence because it is not only impolite not to but tempting Providence if you even seem to be smug.

A respectable, hardworking mother has just been arrested in Taipei for trying to torture her three-year-old son to death without deliberately murdering him because she believed he was an evil influence in the home. And the police who took her away needed a lot of persuading to do so, because they thought she was right.

These are the things that are real to Formosa-of-war—not a Red dragon across the Formosa Strait.

RED OCTOPUS IN MALAYA

By MAURICE MANNING

"TAKE advice from one who has learned a bitter lesson," said Soo Yoke-koon, an ex-terrorist in Malaya, who has surrendered to the Government, "and keep . . . as far away as possible from the Malayan Communist Party 'Red Octopus.'

So, one of 210 disillusioned terrorists who gave themselves up during 1954, said he "became disgusted with the MCP and its hypocritical leaders" because "the majority of higher-ups with whom I came in contact were most unfriendly and treated the lower ranks with contempt. I had no voice in the Party. The MCP does not practise what it preaches. There is no truth in the MCP ideology."

Strangling

Several other ex-bandits gave similar reasons for handing themselves over; one of them, Tai Shing, said he had turned against the Party because they forbade him to communicate with his family and forced him to take part in "senseless and inhuman" executions of erring comrades. The victims of these executions, said Tai, were strangled with a rope. This was usually wound round their necks and then pulled by two people, one on each side—a painful and horrid death."

Few people in Malaya actually need Soo Yoke-koon's warning to keep away from the "Red Octopus." Most of them are only too glad to do so if they can. The Communists have not

Threats

The documents also included three threatening letters, all containing such words as: "If you won't change your attitude, you will have to face the consequences." The harshest of these variants was an assurance that "the people of Malaya" (the propaganda phrase the MCP always use to describe itself) "will ferret you out, no matter how long or where you are hiding, and punish you for your sins."

This letter also told its recipient: "Your activities, the movements of your car, your family circumstances, your social connections, your aid-to-the-enemy . . . are all known to us."

But these captured documents not only illustrate the unpleasant methods used by the Communists; they also reveal that things are not going at all well for the terrorists. Food and money are getting very short. A statement by two experienced Party members says that it is becoming more and more difficult to collect funds.

"Our objectives are not willing to pay their subscriptions," The "objectives" are in fact becoming extremely wily. "When unit A of our organisation approached you for funds you said you had paid to unit B, and when unit B asked you said you had paid to unit A."

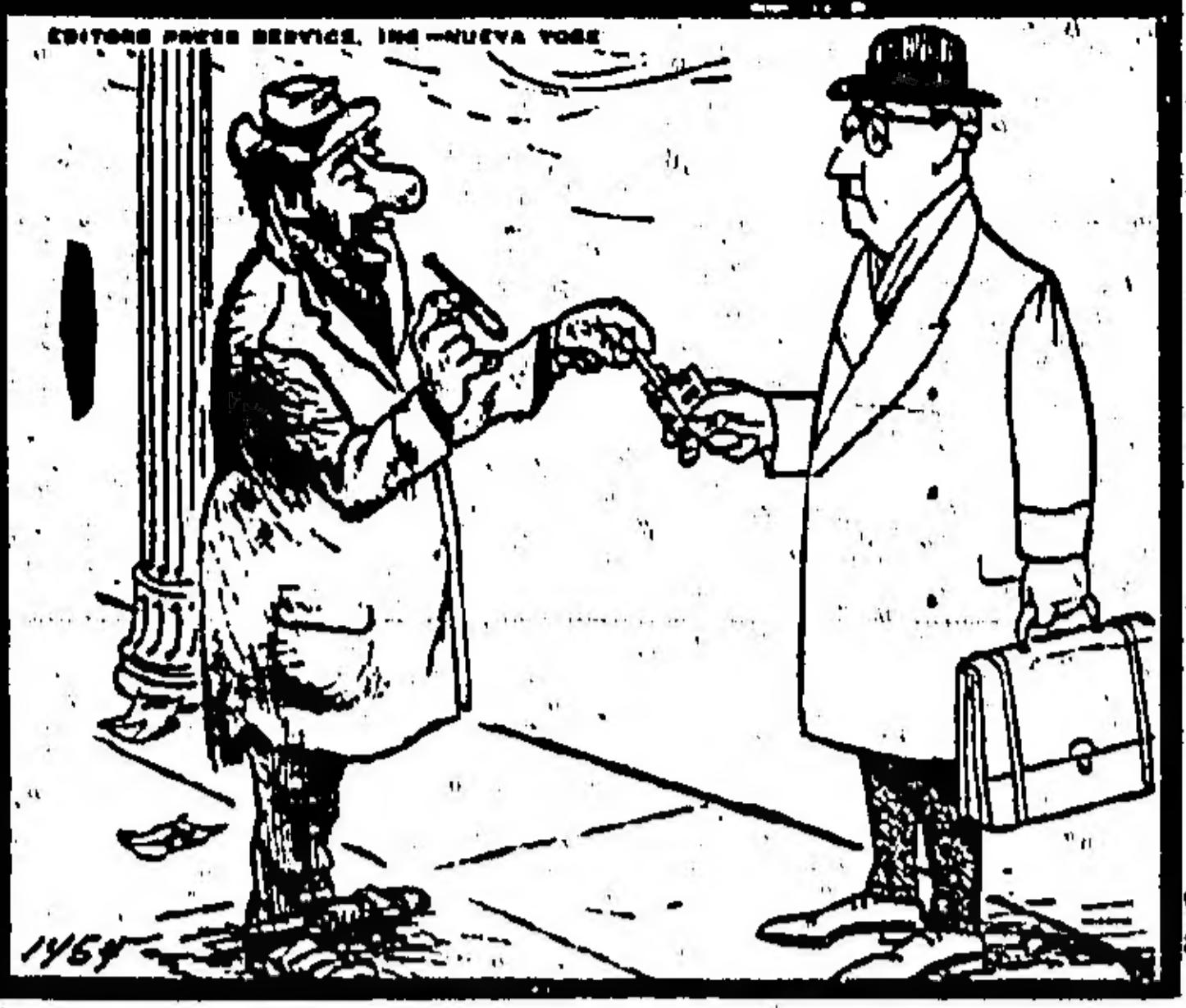
Hunger

The food position is even worse. The documents provide some light relief in the several accounts of larder-raiding by hungry comrades. "Comrade Ping Wei slipped into the kitchen with the intention of getting sauce to add more flavour to the broth. But he got eyes full (a disorientant). Instead, 'Comrade An Chen took almost all the pig bowl of lemon water. As a result he suffered from stomach-ache for a whole night and so on. An ex-bandit who surrendered in December 1954 said the quest for food had become so vital that he had absorbed all his time and energy."

It shows clearly that while the "Red Octopus" may still have many tentacles, its grip is getting weaker.

ARTIE'S HEADLINE





"Thank you, sir. And you wouldn't have a clean filter on you, would you?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

A FAMILY, unable to get coal, burned all its furniture during the cold weather. "It's their protection," said the father. "We always increase the demand for furniture, and the wise people buy an extra supply of tables and chairs—so that when we come to be prepared for the winter."

"Furniture shops have ample stocks in the warm months, when the consumption of coal goes down. We are considering the importation of inferior foreign furniture to tide us over the next cold spell."

The price of victory

THE charge was pushed too far, and before the mob could reform, the actresses had counter-attacked, encouraged by staff publicity-men from the radio. The ladies advanced forward in a superbly equipped battalion, and no quarter was given. Here and there little groups tried to make a stand, but they were soon driven back into a rising sea, and were soon submerged as the troops of stage and screen debouched from the foyer and moved forward.

On the street it was only when the victorious actresses marched back into the foyer that they began to muse "articles" of equipment—handbags, hats, necklaces, and so on. Then one or two recalled how, in the first fierce onslaught of the enemy, two courageous gentlemen had offered

an appeal to the Rating Authority.

Marginal note

THE improved type of bomb, the explosion of which is inaudible, will facilitate the scattering of radio-active dust without noise.

It will soon be possible to have a war which consists of quiet experiments."

This possibility relates to the old-fashioned way

comes to the category of conventional weapons. The latest news should cheer up those who were depressed by a recent article about the shortage of scientists.

Her Big chance

FAME came to E. Westports Lane, Goring, yesterday morning, when a superbly equipped battalion, and no quarter was given. Here and there little groups tried to make a stand, but they were soon driven back into a rising sea, and were soon submerged as the troops of stage and screen debouched from the foyer and moved forward.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

BORN today, you are extremely ambitious and want to get ahead in the world. You have a fine intellect; a strong will tempered by diplomacy and tact; and a great personality which attracts others with ease. You have a good head for business and this, combined with your artistic talents, should place you in the company of the rich and famous. Success money through their art, believe an artist is quite worthy of his hire!

Fond of people and with the ability to influence them, you might easily enter public life successfully. You are a good public speaker and know how to arrange your arguments in a forceful and telling manner. So that everything can be understood even the most complicated matter.

You have an exterior attitude of calm and poise which influences people to confide their troubles to you. You seem to be just the birthday star for your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Professional matters need an approach. Be sure you know what you are doing, before you start.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Show one hundred percent cooperation with others and you will find that you progress splendidly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—In sticking closely to familiar routine, don't miss out on a potential new opportunity. Keep alert.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—It's good to be ambitious, but don't push things too hard when the signs indicate a day of just waiting!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Cultivate new friends and widen your circle of acquaintances. This will be good for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Keep an optimistic attitude toward everything and you will find that you make excellent progress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Although ideas are important, this is a day when actions indicate the progress you can make.

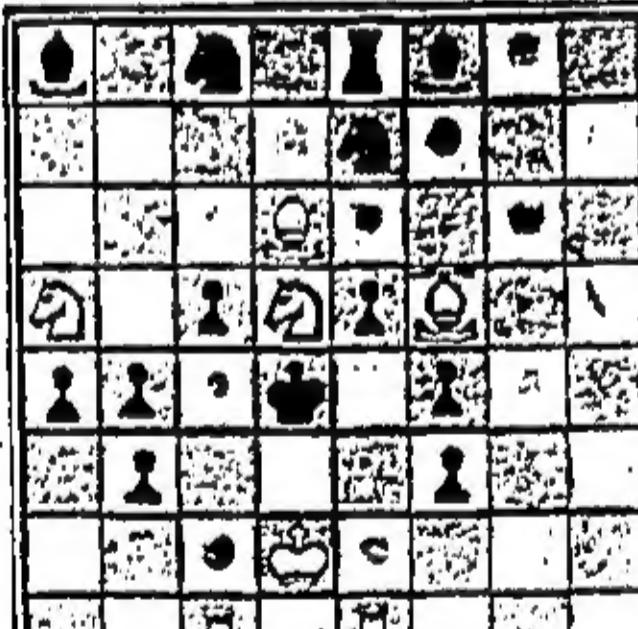
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—There may be some minor upssets on the domestic scene, but in tact you can settle them harmoniously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Now is the time when an offer to help someone with a perplexing problem will, without doubt, be welcomed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Utilize all your best talents today and you will find that you make exciting progress.

CROSS WORD

By A. ELLERMAN
Black, 13 pieces.



BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The preliminary rounds of the Colony Boxing Championships were fought off yesterday evening at the Missions to Seamen where the camera caught these two-action-packed moments.

The semi-finals will be contested tonight, starting at 6 p.m.

Results yesterday in the preliminary rounds were:

COMPLETE RESULTS

Bantamweight
Hay (Army) outpointed Corby (RAF); Hauldin (Army) outpointed Dale (Army).

Eddie Ko (ABC) beat Paeos (RAF) disqualification in third round; Hudson (Army) beat 2nd Altagan (ABC).

Second Series
Fong Kien (ABC) received a walkover from Hay (Army); Saito (RAF) outpointed Hauldin (Army).

Howard (Army) outpointed Hudson (Army).

Featherweight
Nevin (RAF) outpointed Abdulla (RAF).

Chun Sun-chun (ABC) outpointed O'Donnell (RAF); Kong Yau-chun (ABC) outpointed Maher (Army).

Light-Weight
Johnny Good (Army) outpointed Hockton (Army).

Daniels (Army) k.o'd. Kerley (Army) in first round; Leggerton (Army) outpointed White (RAF); outpointed Huggett (Army).

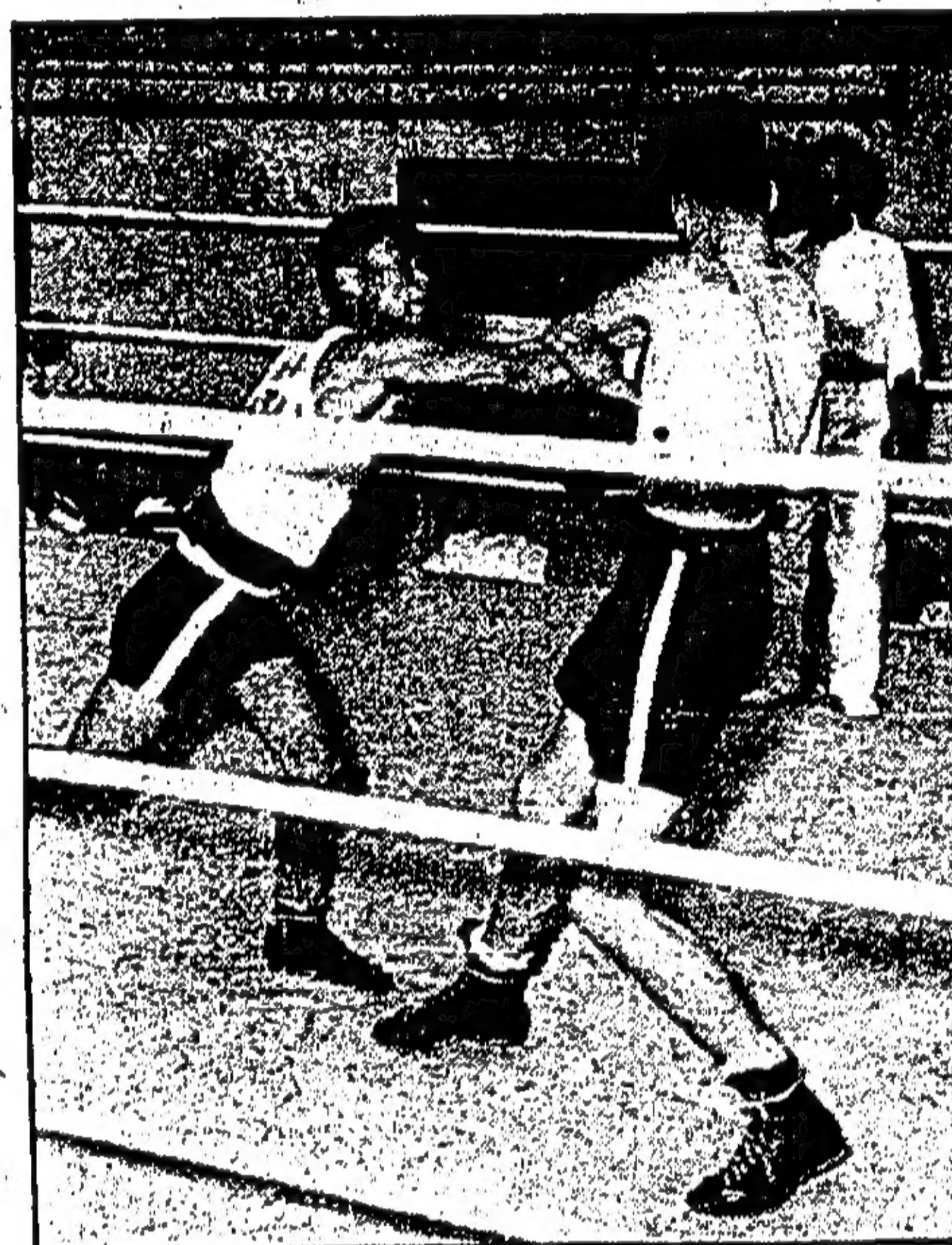
Second Series
Carey (Army) outpointed Good (Army); Finer (RN) outpointed Bowen (Army); Gomersall (Army) outpointed Riday (Army).

Welterweight
Court (RAF) k.o'd. Charlton (Army) in second round; Pearson (RAF) outpointed Colclough (RN).

Light Middleweight
Harris (Army) k.o'd. Wood (RAF); Middleweight
Thompson (Army) beat Ross (RAF) disqualification.

Tribb (RN) outpointed Wilson (Army); Pearce (RN) k.o'd. McKeown (RAF) in first round.

Light Heavyweight
Oliver (Army) outpointed Davis (Army); O'Connell (Army) outpointed Kirby (Army).



Never Before Such An Exodus Of Footballers From The British Isles

By ARCHIE QUICK

There has never before been such an exodus of footballers from Great Britain as there will be next month. The Football Association's main task will be to meet the opposition of Spain, Portugal and France in Madrid, Oporto and Paris, but a strong party is also being sent to the West Indies and an amateur representative side is going to Scandinavia. Innumerable club tours have been arranged over the face of Europe and beyond while Scotland are to play in Yugoslavia, Austria and Hungary. Even Stanley Matthews is playing a series of exhibition matches in South Africa.

Some of the places to be visited by clubs are the United States, South America, Mexico, Channel Islands, Malta, Turkey, South Africa, and practically every country in Europe.

Stanley Rous, Secretary of the Football Association, said to me: "Now that our prestige has been restored we have seized the opportunity to make more missionary tours, such as to the West Indies. From my information this will be no picnic. The amateur party to go to Scandinavia will be of international strength and we are in no two minds what to expect in Madrid and Paris, even if the Oporto game may not be so different.

We are particularly glad that Matthews is going to Johannesburg, the same as Tom Finney did last year. It can only do South African football good, and give someone else in the world the chance to see his great ability. After all, men like Matthews now rank with stage and film celebrities in entertainment value — even if their wages are not so high."

REGULAR FEATURES

From what I gathered the Football Association is to be even more ambitious in the

THE SCREEN'S TWO ENIGMAS—GRETA GARBO AND GRACE KELLY

By KAY MURRAY

Although it is fourteen years since she has made a film, crowds in America and elsewhere are literally lining up four-deep to see Greta Garbo in the re-issue of "Camille."

The recent special award of the Motion Picture Academy for "her luminous and unforgettable performances" has added to her box office popularity, too.

In an unauthorised biography John Bainbridge strips a few veils off the screen's most enigmatic figure, but she still remains a question-mark.

As two instances of her extraordinary impact on people, Bainbridge reports that a famous actress says: "She may be as thoughtless as a spoiled child . . . but she is still the most vivid personality in the world." And also quoted is top Manhattan editor, Fleur Cowles, who tells the story of an evening when Garbo was her dinner guest and was seated next to the Brazilian Ambassador.

When he left the Ambassador thanked his hostess quite emotionally.

"I will never forget you," he told Fleur Cowles, "because you gave me Garbo."

William Daniels, who photographed Garbo in many of her movies, took some tests three years ago and said: "She is definitely the most beautiful woman I ever photographed. Other than a few wrinkles, her face was the same."

ONLY TOO GLAD

Her old Studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, asked if they would take her back, replied: "You bet your sweet life!" If she wanted work, money would be no object. She is still the same."

And now—has anybody here seen Kelly?

Well, several millions have seen the Academy Award winner, but not many know her. She is rated almost as much of an enigma as Garbo.

"An iceberg in several respects" was one verdict.

"All of them on the surface."

Another acquaintance said:

"I think it would be possible to talk to her for the rest of your life—but you'd never know anything about her."

"I am reserved," admitted Grace, who won this year's Oscar for the best actress in "Country Girl."

"I find it hard to be communicative with people when I first meet them."

The blonde, cool beauty, who has set a different standard of good looks for Hollywood, confessed that she found it difficult to talk about herself.

"Maybe that's why people say I'm cold."

For all her social poise (she comes of a wealthy Philadelphia family), the 25-year-old star hasn't yet learned to parry feline attacks. Another star, a certain volcanic brunet, called on her the other day and after surveying her with an expert eye said: "You've gained weight since I saw you last."

Grace replied helplessly: "Yes, I have," laying herself wide open to attack. But the volcanic brunet hadn't the heart to take advantage. She retracted her claws, and cooed: "Oh, but it's so becoming, darling."

11 APPOINTMENTS

Footnote on the Cinema's rival screen:

Even with talent it takes time to get a "break" in American television. This is the reason why fifteen producers of television programmes found themselves one bright morning each with a carrier pigeon in his mail.

The bird in every instance arrived in a box with a message from Ruth Harris, an enterprising young actress from Georgia, who was tired of walking in New York producers' office.

The message enclosed with the bird was typed out as a form that gave the recipient five choices:

1. Come in for an interview at o'clock.

AN ARGUMENT COST MANAGER ALSTON \$50

New York, April 25.

Manager Walt Alston of the Brooklyn Dodgers was fined \$50 by the National League President, Warren Giles, today for arguing with umpire Babe Pinelli during Friday night's game with the New York Giants.

Alston challenged the umpire after a squeeze play in the eighth inning misfired and rookie Don Zimmer was called out at the plate, attempting to score the game's tying run.

The Giants won five to four, snapping Brooklyn's ten-game streak.—United Press.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

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No. 9 Ice House Street, Fourth
Floor, Hongkong, on Thurs-
day, 5th May 1955, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the Directors
for the year ended 31st
December 1954, and to trans-
act the ordinary business of
the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be closed
from Thursday, 21st April
1955 until Thursday, 5th May
1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
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R. V. LEDERHOFER,
Director,
General Managers,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
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TRANS-CANADA INCREASES ORDER FOR VISCOUNTS

When a party of Canadian journalists was flown in a Vickers Viscount from Toronto to New York by Trans-Canada Airlines, the usual flying time was much reduced.

The average of the outward and return scheduled flight times was 1 hour 42 minutes, as against 2 hours 5 minutes by piston engined aircraft.

A similar party was flown from Montreal, and one of them, writing of the Viscount in the Montreal Gazette, said: "The top sales argument in favour of air travel is still

low levels where the rocket is less efficient. For a duration of once when ten minutes, the jet, with its lower fuel consumption has a substantial advantage over the rocket, and consequently the combination of the two results in superior performance all round."

MADE MARK

"The Viscount made its mark, seemingly without effort, in that field." The turbine engine doesn't require the long period of checking operating parts and instruments that a piston engine does. That long wait at the end of the runway while the engines are tested is unnecessary. So take-off was swift and flight, at the higher altitudes where a turbine operates best, was swift."

Another Canadian was surprised to be able to stand a nickel on edge and find it still standing after ten vibrations, due to the absence of vibration. He described the noise level as being no louder than that of a washing machine or vacuum cleaner," and added: "The effect is of effortless flying."

TCA has increased its Viscount order for the second time, to a total of 25; this brings the number of Viscounts currently on firm order to 183, worth more than £50,000,000.

Mixed Power Units

A glimpse of the probable future development of powerplants for interceptor fighters has been given in a lecture in London by the Chief Designer of Saunders-Roe, M. J. Brennan.

Pointing out that the drop in thrust from a jet engine due to thrust amount to as much as 80 per cent of its sea level thrust at 50,000 feet, he indicated that this difficulty could be overcome by use of a liquid rocket combined with a jet engine. Thrust of a liquid rocket improves with height.

During take-off, the lecturer said, power is not a problem because the thrust required for high speed flight is ample for the purpose. In order to reach altitude in the shortest possible time, future fighters may use their jet engines for take-off and the initial climb, boosting their climbing speed by using rocket thrust when the climb begins to deteriorate. The total weight of engines plus fuel is well below the total weight in the pure jet or pure rocket designs.

Where it is unnecessary to reach fighting altitude in the minimum time, such as patrol flights, the jet engine alone could be used for climb, conserving the rocket fuel for actual combat.

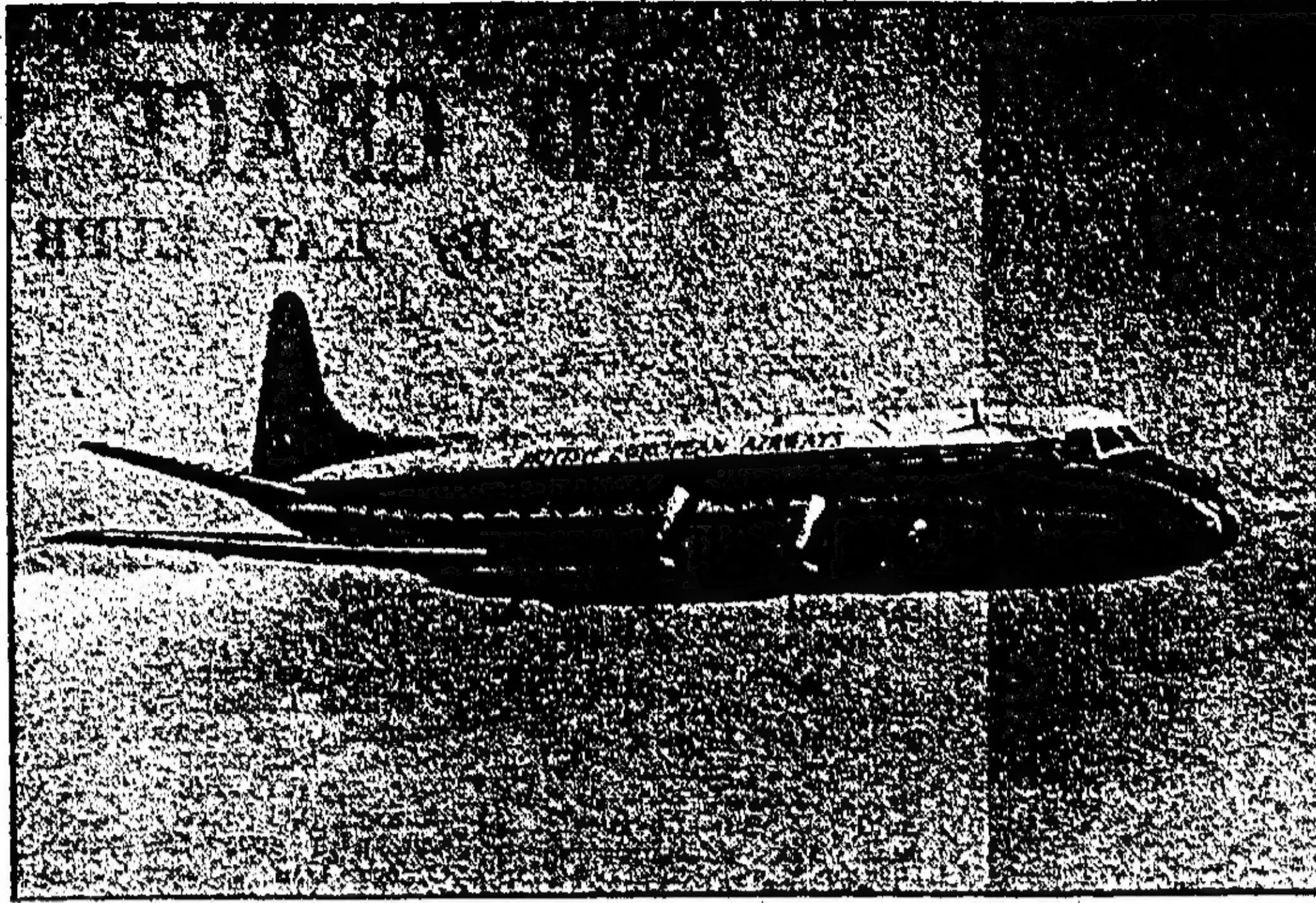
Another advantage of mixed power units is that although the total weight of mixed engines and their fuel is less than in the pure jet fighter, an aircraft with the mixed engines uses more fuel than the pure jet during its climb. Consequently when it reaches operational height it weighs less than a pure jet aircraft, because a substantial proportion of its fuel has already been consumed, and it therefore has a lower wing loading. The result is that manoeuvrability, an all-important factor in combat, is improved.

Acceleration

When acceleration from Mach 1 to twice that speed is required, rocket thrust can achieve the increase in one minute or less, whereas if the same acceleration were achieved by additional jet power, the time needed would be ten minutes.

In spite of the great advantage of the rocket for acceleration, a pure rocket aircraft is not necessarily the best design for an interceptor aircraft for the jet engine's superiority during take-off and cruise at

TURBO-PROPS' POPULARITY



Mail Notices

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TUESDAY, APRIL 26
By Air

Philippines, 8 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, 8 p.m.
By surface
Indo-China, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
By Air

Thailand, 11 a.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway,
Sweden, 6 p.m.
By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Korea, 1 p.m.
Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia,
Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, N.
Borneo, Mauritius, 1 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle
East Africa, Great Britain & Europe,
U.S.S.R., 1 p.m.
Singapore, N.W.
Japan, Noon.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
By Surface

Macao, 3 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
By Air

For indecent assaulting a 7-year-old girl, Wong Choi, a 25-year-old rickshaw coolie, was sentenced to 12 months by Mr. J. E. Durding at Central this morning.

The defendant was alleged to have committed the offence on April 20 in the rear lane of Yu Lam Terrace where he was arrested by an on duty Police constable.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty, had two convictions.

Both were for obstructing the

Police.

ASSAULTED CHILD

For indecent assaulting a 7-year-old girl, Wong Choi, a 25-year-old rickshaw coolie, was sentenced to 12 months by Mr. J. E. Durding at Central this morning.

The West Berlin City Government today voted a second 1,000,000 mark (US\$250,000) grant to truckers to pay exorbitant Communist road tolls on truck traffic between Berlin and the West.

The new grant raises to 2,750,000 marks (US\$680,000) the subsidies paid to truckers by the West Berlin and West German Governments since April 1, when the Communists raised their new road taxes.

The Courier published the

pictures, but not the names of

United Press.

Mr. Allan, formerly Chief of Staff of the Salvation Army's International Headquarters in London, will leave the Colony for Australia via Singapore on Saturday.

Luxury Flats For Kowloon

Plans had been approved for the erection of luxury type apartment buildings in Kadoorie Avenue, it was disclosed by Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, chairman, at the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Engineers and Construction Company held this morning.

He said the ultimate design allows for 40 flats, but only 20 will be built immediately.

These, he added, can be supplemented later by the addition of three more storeys after the new runway at Kai Tak airfield has been completed.

The cost of construction of the first stage was likely to absorb the Company's building reserve.

The Chairman reported a net profit for the year of \$835,454, and from this it was proposed to declare a dividend which would absorb \$160,000.

The Reserve for Building Development now stood at a total of \$2,000,000.

Given Rousing Welcome

The Salvation Army band, together with a number of little boys waving banners, gave Commissioner John A. Allan, acting General Special Delegate on a world tour of inspection, a rousing welcome when he arrived from Tokyo this morning.

Also on hand to meet the Pan American flight at Kai Tak was Lt.-Col. F. E. Jewell, Officer Commanding the Salvation Army, Hongkong.

Commissioner Allan has been to Japan, New Zealand and Korea inspecting various SA institutions. He told reporters at Kai Tak that membership this year was higher than ever before.

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Tried To Sell Lost Camera

For unlawful possession of a Zicas Ikon Camera, 21-year-old Tsang Ngan, unemployed, of 37, Shan Po Road, was fined \$250 or six weeks by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Sub-Inst. D. J. Carte said that on April 22, defendant was seen by a Police constable on duty at Johnston Road going into a shop. After a while he came out and went into another shop.

The constable became suspicious and entering the first shop asked the folk there what defendant had wanted. He was told that Tsang was trying to sell a camera for \$700.

When defendant came out of the shop he was arrested. He confessed that he had found the camera.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.N. Radio Signal and Programme Summary, 2nd BBC Bandwidth, All Star Concert Brass Band of Great Britain cond. by Harry Moseley (BBCSS); 3rd, "My Heart Belongs to You" (BBCSS); 4th, "A Love Story" (Studio); 5th, "Students' Guide"; A Series of British Council Talks, designed to help Overseas Students, read by James "No" Johnson; 6th, "Sunset Serenade"; 7th, "La Demi-Heure Francaise"; Presentation by M. Castor Jazz; Jerry Mengo (Studio); 8th, "The Story of the Chinese in a Million"; "The Story of Sir Alexander Fleming"; written by Charles Paris; Produced by Alenco (Studio); 10, "Spring" (Studio); 11, "The Weather Report"; 12, "Time Signal"; 13, "Weather Report"; 14, "Time Signal"; 15, "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 16, "Commentary" (London Relay); or Special Announcements; 17, "British Singers" (BBCSS); 18, Forces' Favourites (BBCSS); 19, Time Signal; Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Doyle; 20, "The Story of the Chinese in a Million"; "The Story of Sir Alexander Fleming"; written by Charles Paris; Produced by Alenco (Studio); 21, "Goodbye" (Studio); 22, "Light Circus"; 23, "At the Ballet"; "La Bouquette Fanfaronne" (Rosina Respighi); 24, "The Philharmonic Concerts"; 25, "Goodbye" (Studio); 26, "Weather Report"; 27, "Time Signal"; 28, "Radio News Reel" (London Relay); 29, "Goodnight Music"; 30, "The Queen"; 31, "Close Down".

Pepper Fraud

London, Apr. 25 — Fraud squad detectives here investigating large scale deals in pepper believed to involve more than £2 million following allegations that hundreds of tons supposed to be stored in wharves and warehouses did not in fact exist.

It is thought that a number of firms may have lost many thousands of pounds.

During the weekend police visited wharves and warehouses checking pepper supplies...

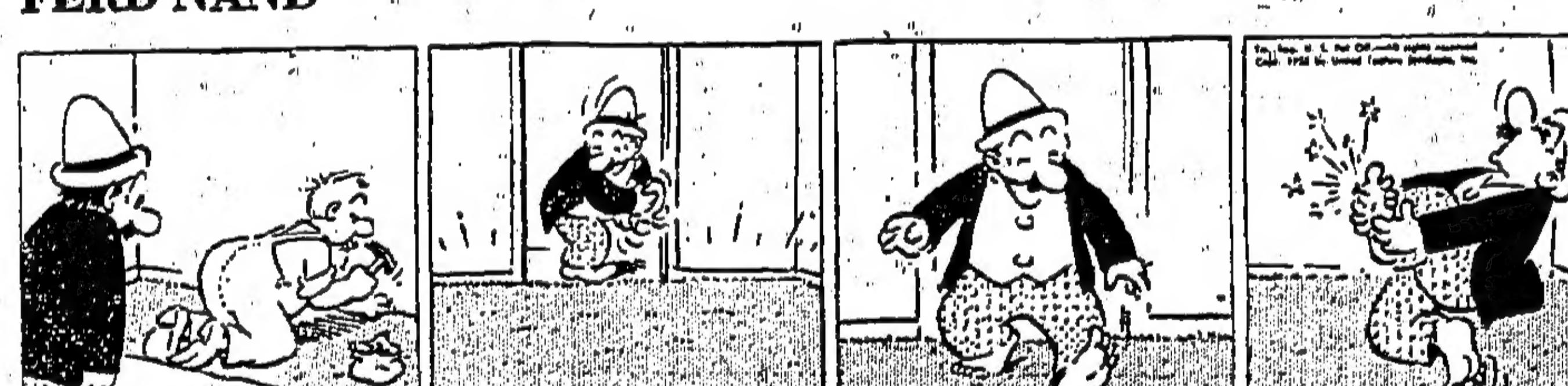
Several men have been questioned and enquiries are expected to go on for some time.—China Mail Special

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AMERICAN ECONOMY

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 25. President Eisenhower's announcement enlivened the stock market today.

Shipbuilding stocks in particular responded to his announcement that a new atomic-powered merchant ship is planned which will cruise the world to demonstrate peacetime use of atomic energy.

Bethlehem Steel, a leading shipbuilder, turned an initial two-point loss to a final gain of almost 2 points. It received another boost, along with the rest of the stocks, from near-record production and anticipated good earnings and dividend announcements from the leaders later this week.

DYNAMICS UP

Newport News Shipbuilding climbed almost 2 points; General Dynamics, builder of the atomic submarine Nautilus, rose at one point, cut back off nearly a point after announcement of its plans to take over Stromberg-Carlson on a share-for-share stock exchange. The latter improved 4 points.

Turnover for the day amounted to 2,720,000 shares compared with 2,800,000 on Friday.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,150,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 750,000 Dow-Jones closing averages were:

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Allied Inc. Am.	\$214
Allied Chemicals	501
Allis Chalmers	705
American Can	251
American Metal	251
American Smelting	485
American Tel. & Tel.	1801
American Tobacco "B"	701
Armco Steel	801
Armour	151
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	495
Bathgate & Ohio	503
Bendix Aviation Corp.	503
Bengtsson Corp.	111
Bethlehem Steel	141
Bell Telephone Co.	171
Canadian Pacific Railway	205
Case (J. I.) Co.	175
Chile Copper	46
Circuit Board	51
Commercial Credit	51
Commonwealth Elec.	401
Consolidated Edison	405
Continental Steel	111
Com. Products	81
Crane Co.	41
Cuban American Sugar	172
Curtiss Wright	131
Diamond T	131
General Electric	515
General Foods	515
General Motors	515
General Mills	515
Goodrich (B.F.) Co.	605
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	605
Homestake Mining Co.	605
International Harvester	351
International Nickel	631
International Paper	901
John-Manville Corp.	315
Kennecott Copper	107
Lockheed Aircraft	451
Lorillard	111
Lone Star Cement Co.	581
Minnesota Mining	93
Montgomery Ward	771
National Cash Register	111
National Distillers	211
National Lead	55
New York Central	451
Oil Education Fund	111
Pacific Gas & Electric	411
Pacific Western Oil	411
Pan American Airways	201
Pan American Petroleum	111
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	711
Radio Corporation	411
Rubber Corp.	801
Sinclair Oil	501
Socoma Vacuum	501
Standard Brands	405
Standard Oil of California	111
Standard Oil of Indiana	401
Standard Oil of New Jersey	111
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	111
Swift & Co.	311
Texas Co.	98
Union Carbide	911
Union Electric Railway	171
United Gas Inds.	111
U.S. Gypsum	251
U.S. Rubber	471
United States Smelting	311
U.S. Steel	10
Warren Bros.	10
Westinghouse Electric	731
Woolworth	111
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London Foreign Exchange

London, Apr. 25. Montreal 2.75/-12.75/-10. Brussels 133.50/-139.75/-11.1. Luxembourg 80.13/-80.30. Paris 820.14/-831. Stockholm 14.54/-14.25/-. Zurich 12.25/-12.25/-. Others were unchanged.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Apr. 25. Canada 7.75/-7.75/-. England-official 2.71/-2.73/-. unofficial 2.71/-2.73/-. Australia 2.23/-. Germany 2.23/-. Others were unchanged.

Stock Market Hits New High—Confidence In Boom Increases

By JOHN MORKA

Confidence in the economic situation of the United States soared to new heights last week. The nation talked about a boom as never before.

The stock market hit new highs. People are buying more homes, appliances, autos. Unemployment is down. Business is spending more for new plants. Autos, steel, electric power, construction—are operating at or near record levels.

New York, Apr. 24.

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning was \$529,826.55.

Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

TIN SMELTER

Washington, Apr. 25. The Senate today approved a bill continuing operations of the Government's smelter at Texas City, Texas, until June 30, 1958.

The Senate acted without dissent. The measure now goes to the House for action.—United Press.

US SENATE POSTPONES ACTION

(From Our Correspondent)

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Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank .. 1330 1540 33 1500

East Asia .. 210 100 0 0

London .. 1003 1045 54 50 1040

Homewards .. 0 0 0 0

DOCKS, ETC.

HK Wharf .. 28 28 0 0

Provident .. 24 24 0 0

Old (Old) .. 1150 1150 0 0

Wheelock .. 710 715 600 0 713

LAND, ETC.

HK Hotel .. 17.30 600 @ 17.30

UK Land .. 6316 6416 1100 @ 64

Shu Land .. 1.0216

Humphreys X Rd .. 10.50

UTILITIES

Star Ferry .. 20.30 20.40 1250 @ 20.40

Star Ferry 105 107 800 @ 106

C. Light (O) .. 21712 17.50

C. Light (N) .. 13.90 14.10 500 @ 14

Electric .. 3314 3316 500 @ 33

Telephone .. 3134 3211 1100 @ 33

TELEGRAMS

Centex .. 28.00 29 1800 @ 28.00

Hope XD .. 16.50 1600 @ 16.50

Shu .. 1000 1000 @ 10.00

STORSES, ETC.

Dairy XD .. 20.40

Wales .. 10316

GENERAL TRADE

Neway .. 6.70 6.80 2000 @ 6.80

MISCELLANEOUS

Yankee .. 615 620

Alced .. 4.90 4.92 4000 @ 4.95

World Cotton Markets

New York, Apr. 25.

Cotton futures started the new week on a note of heavy buoyancy in face of heavy initial tenders on the May contract.

Gains ranged up to around \$1.30 a bale, with the May contract getting back to near the 33 1/2 cent line to show a cumulative recovery of \$2.35 a bale from last Wednesday's low.

May contracts closed on the day's high with the general index up 12 to 28 points. Opening prices were up 1 to 13 points. New Orleans closed up 15 to 27 points.

Liverpool brokers also were leading foreign buyers of May contracts, though experts thought representatives' straddle—reversing against the oversea market—was still under way. Spot firms bought May at 30 points under July and 62 points under October. Open May contracts at the start of trading today totalled 284,500 bales.

Atlanta trade reports said midday inquiries were more numerous during the past week, with Texas 15-16 inch shorter staples in good demand. Memphis also reported a somewhat better inquiry, although generally the mills and market were reported waiting for developments from Washington.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot .. 24.35n

May .. 24.45-26

July .. 25.70-72

October .. 31.97

December .. 34.10

March .. 34.32

May .. 31.90

Total .. 238,800 2,333,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot .. 15.75

May .. 15.75

July .. 15.72

October .. 15.97

December .. 16.10

March .. 16.10

May .. 16.20

Total .. 15.75-16.20

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May .. 27.00

July .. 27.00

Oct. .. 27.00

Dec. .. 27.00

Mar. .. 27.00

July .. 27.00

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was not available today. Sales at nine of these markets totalled 9,182 bales.—United Press.

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb., were as follows:

May/June .. 30.78

July/Aug. .. 30.38

Oct./Nov. .. 30.00

Dec./Jan. .. 29.87

May/Apr. .. 29.52

JULY

PRICES OF FUTURES CLOSED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

Spot .. 24.35n

July .. 25.70-72

Oct. .. 31.97

Dec. .. 34.10

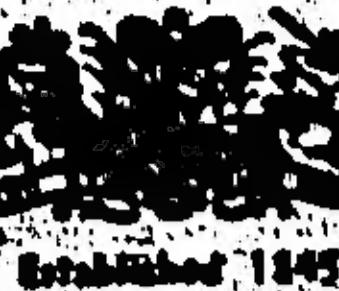
Mar. .. 34.32

July .. 31.90

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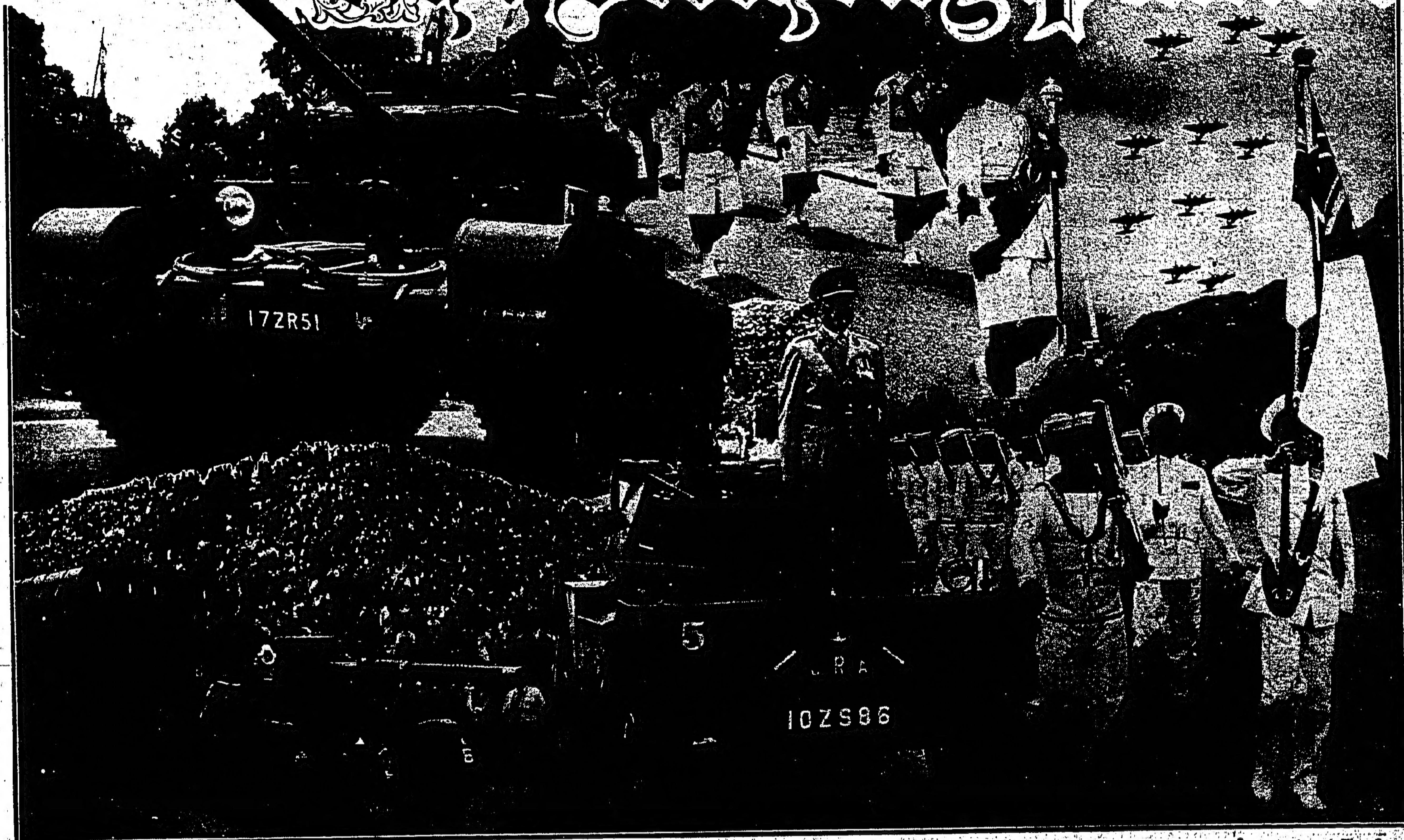


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TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1955.

SATURDAY SINGING
THE 3 WISE MEN
CLIQUE
SHEFFERS
TELEVISION STARS

The Birthday Parade



The above pictorial composite of The Queen's birthday parade shows (top left) one of the tanks in the procession; (bottom left) an anti-aircraft gun with a section of the huge crowd of spectators in the background; (top centre) the Pipes and Drums of the 2/2 Gurkhas; (bottom centre) Brigadier L. M. Cholmeley, who was Parade Commander, heading the parade in his Army scout car; (top right) some of the planes taking part in the fly past; (bottom right), the leading section of a naval contingent.—Pictures by staff photographer.

HK Telephone Company Manager Retiring

Honorary Consul for 25 years probably constitutes a record in local diplomatic circles.

When Mr R. E. (Bob) Farrell, Manager of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, and Hon. Consul for Spain, departs late next month on retirement he will leave that record behind.

Mr Farrell, who is completing his 32nd year in Hongkong, came here with the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company which was formed into a local corporation about 1929.

He joined the Company as an engineer and was appointed Acting Manager in 1940 pending confirmation of his present position.

Mr Farrell served in the Royal Naval Air Service during the first world war and was based at Dunkirk in 1915.

During the Pacific War he served in 40 Signal Company which was part of the HKDF, with the rank of sergeant.

About a year after the capture of the Colony Mr Farrell managed to get to Kunning through Macao. Later he went to England and joined the Hongkong Planning Unit under Mr D. M. MacDougall, with the rank of major. He returned to Hongkong with the Unit and organised the rehabilitation of the telephone service.

In 1952 Mr Farrell was created a Chevalier of the Order of Merit by the Spanish Government for his services as Hon. Consul.

He is a past President of St Patrick's Society and a member of the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Hongkong Club.

Mr Farrell has not made up his mind where to settle down, but he thinks that Spain might be the place.



Today's Dress Parade

At a press preview at the Sincere Company yesterday, six pretty mannequins displayed the latest fashions of their annual dress parade.

The show opens today, and will run for three weeks.

On show will be the latest beach wear, day clothes and evening dresses, many of which have been designed in Hongkong.

The mannequins are trained by Mrs Nan Cowie.

BAILEY APPEAL: THE CROWN REPLIES

The Solicitor-General, Mr Arthur Hooton QC, replying to the criticisms levelled before the Full Court of Appeal this morning, that having regard to the lengthy proceedings and the manner of Bailey's arguments and evidence, the Judge had accomplished a remarkable feat in producing such a clear summing-up.

Mr Hooton invited the full Court to hold that even if they found faults in the summing-up, there was no miscarriage of justice.

Bailey is appealing against his conviction on three counts of criminal libel for which he was sentenced to nine months by Mr Justice J. Reynolds on January 27. He was released on \$5,000 bail on April 14 to conduct his appeal.

Mr Hooton first dealt with the limits of legal powers with regard to the ex officio information filed by the Attorney-General against Bailey. He argued that the legislature had intended the Attorney-General to have the power to file ex officio information at his discretion and there were no limitations in this way.

It was as clear as could be that the Courts could not review in any way the Attorney-General's discretion to file ex officio information for misdemeanours, argued Mr Hooton. He cited authorities which stated that the issue of criminal information was entirely the discretion of the Attorney-General and no one could set such information aside. A statute would have to be passed to give the Courts control over such information filed by the Attorney-General, he contended.

Mr Hooton agreed that the Courts could quash such information in certain cases if it were wrong on the face of it but there was no authority for the Courts to enquire into the reason for the Attorney-General filing such information.

Going on to Bailey's criticisms of Mr Justice Reynolds' summing-up, Mr Hooton declared that one must remember that the trial lasted a very long time and the type-written records extended to 784 pages.

PROLONGED EVIDENCE

The accused gave evidence day after day, and the charges he made against Messrs Sin, Yeo and Chan were based very largely upon his own arguments which were at times very difficult to understand. His evidence was prolonged rather than precise. After a trial of that length and nature it was very surprising indeed if the trial Judge, in trying to put the case concisely to the Jury so that they could understand, did not slip up in some place or other. As in all summings-up one could pull it to pieces if one took bit by bit and say this or that could have been better phrased.

He submitted that the Court to whom he was bound by the carriage of justice even if they did find anything which might be questionable in the summing-up. He agreed that the main point of odd pages were boiled down the one page was that there was no evidence whatsoever to justify the charge against Mr Sin, even if one accepted everything that Bailey said.

Other local news stories will be found on page 8.

Generous gifts of clothing have been received, and could not all be displayed in the large hall, but fresh stocks will be on view tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Everybody Stared At Witness

Remarking that he had noticed everybody was staring at Tam Shun, the complainant in the rape re-trial, and that whether she was lying or telling the truth did not help matters, Mr Justice James Wicks in the Criminal Sessions this morning ordered a chair for her in order that she should take things easy.

His Lordship added that whether she was lying or telling the truth was a matter entirely for the Jury.

The Judge's comments occurred during the cross-examination of the complainant by Defence Counsel Mr Brook A. Bernacchi this morning.

Accused in the case is Dr Ng Yuk-kim, 49. He is charged with raping Tam Shun, a 25-year-old spinster, at his clinic in Nathan Road, on August 28, 1954.

Appearing for Dr Ng is Mr Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr D. F. G. Mayne, Crown Counsel. Detective Inspector W. Watson was present for the Police.

Asked what she meant by a hysterical condition, Tam Shun told Mr Bernacchi that she was just hysterical. She was giddy and dizzy but with an awakened mind.

She agreed that because she had "this awakened mind" she was able to remember details clearly.

Hearing is continuing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, that must be the plumber's kit your father bought the year you were born!—I think he used it once or twice—it was one of his money-saving ideas!"

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